

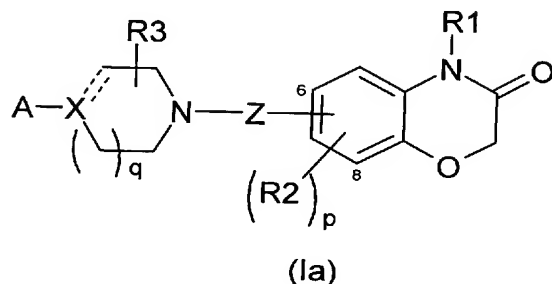
Amendments to the Claims:

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1 and 2 (Canceled).

3. (Currently Amended) A compound of formula (Ia) or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof:



wherein:

A is a bicyclic 6,5 or 6,6 heteroaromatic group which is optionally substituted by 1 - 4 substituents, which substituents may be the same or different, and which are selected from the group consisting of halogen, hydroxy, cyano, nitro, trifluoromethyl, trifluoromethoxy, C₁-6alkyl, trifluoromethanesulfonyloxy, pentafluoroethyl, C₁-6alkoxy, arylC₁-6alkoxy, C₁-6alkylthio, C₁-6alkoxyC₁-6alkyl, C₃-7cycloalkylC₁-6alkoxy, C₁-6alkanoyl, C₁-6alkoxycarbonyl, C₁-6alkylsulfonyl, arylsulfonyl, arylsulfonyloxy, C₁-6alkylsulfonamido, C₁-6alkylamido, Arylsulfonamido, arylcarboxamido, aroyl, arylC₁-6alkanoyl, and a group Ar¹-B, wherein B represents a single bond, O, S or CH₂ and Ar¹ represents a phenyl or a monocyclic heteroaromatic group, said Ar¹ group being optionally substituted by 1 - 3 substituents, which may be the same or different, and which are selected from the group consisting of a halogen, hydroxy, cyano, trifluoromethyl, C₁-6alkyl, C₁-6alkoxy or C₁-6alkanoyl;

R1 is hydrogen, C₁₋₆alkyl, haloC₁₋₆alkyl, C₃₋₇cycloalkyl, C₃₋₇cycloalkylC₁₋₆alkyl, C₃₋₆alkenyl, C₃₋₆alkynyl or arylC₁₋₆alkyl;

R2 is independently halogen, C₁₋₆alkyl, cyano, haloC₁₋₆alkyl, C₁₋₆alkanoyl, C₁₋₆alkoxy or hydroxy;

p is 0, 1 or 2;

R3 (a) is a group -(R4)_r wherein R4 is selected from the group consisting of: C₁₋₆alkyl, halogen, hydroxy, oxo, cyano, nitro, C₁₋₄alkoxy, haloC₁₋₄alkyl, haloC₁₋₄alkoxy, arylC₁₋₄alkoxy, C₁₋₄alkylthio, hydroxyC₁₋₄alkyl, C₁₋₄alkoxyC₁₋₄alkyl, C₃₋₆cycloalkyl, C₃₋₆cycloalkylC₁₋₄alkoxy, C₁₋₄alkanoyl, C₁₋₄alkoxycarbonyl, C₁₋₄alkylsulfonyl, C₁₋₄alkylsulfonyloxy, C₁₋₄alkylsulfonylC₁₋₄alkyl, arylsulfonyl, arylsulfonyloxy, arylsulfonylC₁₋₄alkyl, C₁₋₄alkylsulfonamido, C₁₋₄alkylamido, C₁₋₄alkylsulfonamidoC₁₋₄alkyl, C₁₋₄alkylamidoC₁₋₄alkyl, arylsulfonamido, arylcarboxamido, arylsulfonamidoC₁₋₄alkyl, arylcarboxamidoC₁₋₄alkyl, aroyl, aroylC₁₋₄alkyl, arylC₁₋₄alkanoyl, C₁₋₄acyl, aryl, arylC₁₋₄alkyl, C₁₋₄alkylaminoC₁₋₄alkyl and a group R₃₀R₃₁N- (where each of R₃₀ and R₃₁ independently represents a hydrogen atom or a C₁₋₄alkyl group or where appropriate R₃₀R₃₁ forms part of a C₃₋₆azacycloalkane or C₃₋₆(2-oxo)azacycloalkane ring), and r is 0, 1, 2 or 3; or

(b) forms a bridge across the ring, the bridge consisting of a chain of 1 to 3 atoms, the bridge being optionally substituted by one, two or three groups selected from halogen, oxo, C₁₋₆alkyl, cyano, haloC₁₋₆alkyl, C₁₋₆alkanoyl, C₁₋₆alkoxy or hydroxy; or

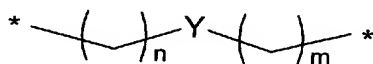
(c) is a chain of 1 to 3 atoms optionally substituted by halogen, C₁₋₆alkyl, cyano, haloC₁₋₆alkyl, C₁₋₆alkanoyl, C₁₋₆alkoxy or hydroxy, the other end of the chain being attached to an available carbon atom in Z;

X is CH, N or C;

----- represents a single bond when X is CH or N; and = represents a double bond when X is C;

q is 0, 1 or 2, wherein when q is 0, X is not N; and

Z is attached to the 6-position or the 8-position of the benzoxazinone group and is a 3 to 7 membered cycloalkylene group, 3 to 7 membered cycloalkenylene group, -(CH=CH)- or a group



wherein m and n are independently 0, 1 or 2, and Y is a single bond, 3 to 7 membered cycloalkylene group, 3 to 7 membered cycloalkenylene group, $-(CH=CH)-$, $-C(=O)-$, $-C(=CH_2)-$, oxygen, or a methylene group optionally substituted by one or two groups selected from halogen, C_1 -6alkyl, cyano, halo C_1 -6alkyl, C_1 -6alkanoyl, C_1 -6alkoxy or hydroxy; ~~provided that when A is naphthyl, 5,6,7,8-tetrahydronaphthyl or 2,3-dihydroindene, Z is not $-(CH_2CH(OH))-$, $-(CH_2CH_2CH(OH))-$ or $-(CH_2C(=O))-$.~~

4. (Currently Amended) ~~[[A]]~~ The compound or salt as claimed in claim ~~[[1]]~~ 3, wherein R1 is hydrogen or methyl.
5. (Currently Amended) ~~[[A]]~~ The compound or salt as claimed in claim ~~[[1]]~~ 3, wherein R3 is methyl.
6. (Currently Amended) ~~[[A]]~~ The compound or salt as claimed in claim ~~[[1]]~~ 3, wherein X is CH or N and ~~-----~~ is a single bond.
7. (Currently Amended) ~~[[A]]~~ The compound or salt as claimed in claim ~~[[1]]~~ 3, wherein q is 1.
8. (Currently Amended) ~~[[A]]~~ The compound or salt as claimed in claim ~~[[1]]~~ 3, wherein Z is $-(CH_2)_2-$ or $-(CH_2)[[3]]_3-$.
9. (Currently Amended) ~~[[A]]~~ The compound or salt as claimed in claim ~~[[1]]~~ 3, wherein A is indolyl, quinolyl, quinazolinyl or 2,3-dihydrobenzodioxinyl.
10. (Currently Amended) ~~[[A]]~~ The compound or salt as claimed in claim ~~[[1]]~~ 3, wherein A is substituted by 1 to 4 substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen (~~particularly fluoro or chloro~~), C_1 -6alkyl (~~particularly methyl, ethyl and propyl~~), cyano, CF_3 , C_1 -6alkoxy (~~particularly methoxy, ethoxy or isopropoxy~~) or C_1 -6alkanoyl.

11. (Currently Amended) [[A]] The compound or salt as claimed in claim 10, wherein A is selected from the group consisting of 5-quinolyl(2-Me), 5-quinolyl(2-Me, 7-Cl), 5-quinolyl(2-Me, 7-F), [[and]] 5-quinazoliny(2-Me), 5-quinolyl(2-Me, 7-Me), 5-dihydrobenzo[1,4]dioxinyl, 8-quinolyl(6-methoxy), 8-quinolyl, 4-indolyl and 4-indolyl(2-Me).
12. (Currently Amended) [[A]] The compound as claimed in claim [[1]] 3, which is selected from the group consisting of:
- 6-{2-[4-(2-Methylquinolin-5-yl)piperazin-1-yl]ethyl}-4*H*-benzo[1,4]oxazin-3-one;
6-{2-[4-(2,7-Dimethylquinolin-5-yl)piperazin-1-yl]ethyl}-4*H*-benzo[1,4]oxazin-3-one;
6-{2-[4-(7-Chloro-2-methylquinolin-5-yl)piperazin-1-yl]ethyl}-4*H*-benzo[1,4]oxazin-3-one;
6-[2-(4-Quinolin-4-yl)piperazin-1-yl]ethyl]-4*H*-benzo[1,4]oxazin-3-one;
6-{2-[4-(2-Methylquinazolin-5-yl)piperazin-1-yl]ethyl}-4*H*-benzo[1,4]oxazin-3-one;
6-{2-[4-(2,3-Dihydrobenzo[1,4]dioxin-5-yl)piperazin-1-yl]ethyl}-4*H*-benzo[1,4]oxazin-3-one;
6-{2-[4-(6-Methoxyquinolin-8-yl)piperazin-1-yl]ethyl}-4*H*-benzo[1,4]oxazin-3-one;
6-[2-(4-Quinolin-8-yl)piperazin-1-yl]ethyl]-4*H*-benzo[1,4]oxazin-3-one;
6-{2-[4-(1*H*-Indol-4-yl)piperazin-1-yl]ethyl}-4*H*-benzo[1,4]oxazin-3-one;
6-{2-[4-(7-Chloro-2-methylquinolin-5-yl)piperazin-1-yl]ethyl}-7-fluoro-4*H*-benzo[1,4]oxazin-3-one;
4-Methyl-6-{2-[4-(2-methylquinolin-5-yl)piperazin-1-yl]ethyl}-4*H*-benzo[1,4]oxazin-3-one;
6-{2-[4-(2-Methylquinolin-5-yl)piperazin-1-yl]ethanoyl}-4*H*-benzo[1,4]oxazin-3-one;
6-{1-Hydroxy-2-[4-(2-methylquinolin-5-yl)piperazin-1-yl]ethyl}-4*H*-benzo[1,4]oxazin-3-one;
6-{2-[4-(2-Methyl-4-(2-methylquinolin-5-yl)piperazin-1-yl]ethyl}-4*H*-benzo[1,4]oxazin-3-one;
6-{2-[3-Methyl-4-(2-methylquinolin-5-yl)piperazin-1-yl]ethyl}-4*H*-benzo[1,4]oxazin-3-one;
6-{2-[2-Methyl-4-(2-methylquinolin-5-yl)piperazin-1-yl]ethyl}-4*H*-benzo[1,4]oxazin-3-one;
6-{2-[4-(2-Methylquinolin-5-yl)-3,6-dihydro-2*H*-pyridin-1-yl]ethyl}-4*H*-benzo[1,4]oxazin-3-one;
6-{2-[4-(2-Methylquinolin-5-yl)piperidin-1-yl]ethyl}-4-*H*-benzo[1,4]oxazin-3-one;
6-{2-[4-(2-Methylquinolin-5-yl)-[1,4]diazepan-1-yl]ethyl}-4*H*-benzo[1,4]oxazin-3-one;

6-{2-[4-(2-Methylquinazolin-5-yl)-[1,4]diazepan-1-yl]ethyl}-4*H*-benzo[1,4]oxazin-3-one;
7-Fluoro-6-{2-[4-(2-methylquinolin-5-yl)piperazin-1-yl]ethyl}-4*H*-benzo[1,4]oxazin-3-;
6-{3-[4-(2-Methylquinolin-5-yl)-piperazin-1-yl]-propyl}-4*H*-benzo[1,4]-oxa-zin-3-one;
6-{3-[4-(7-Fluoro-2-methylquinolin-5-yl)piperazin-1-yl]-propyl}-4*H*-benzo-[1,4]oxazin-3-one;
6-{3-[4-(2-Methylquinolin-5-yl)-piperazin-1-yl]-propanoyl}-4*H*-benzo[1,4]-oxa-zin-3-one;
6-{1-Hydroxy-3-[4-(2-methylquinolin-5-yl)-piperazin-1-yl]-propyl}-4*H*-benzo-[1,4]oxazin-3-one;
6-{(E)-3-[4-(2-Methylquinolin-5-yl)piperazin-1-yl]propenyl}-4*H*-benzo[1,4]-oxa-zin-3-one;
6-{4-[4-(2-Methylquinolin-5-yl)piperazin-1-yl]butyl}-4*H*-benzo[1,4]oxazin-3-one;
6-{4-[4-(2-Methylquinolin-5-yl)piperazin-1-yl]-cyclohex-1-enyl}-4*H*-benzo[1,4]-oxazin-3-one;
6-{4-[4-(2-Methylquinazolin-5-yl)piperazin-1-yl]butyl}-4*H*-benzo[1,4]oxazin-3-one;
6-{2-[4-(2-Methylquinolin-5-yl)piperazin-1-yl]ethoxy}-4-H-benzo[1,4]oxazin-3-one;
4-Methyl-6-{2-[4-(2-methylquinolin-5-yl)piperazin-1-yl]ethoxy}-4-H-benzo[1,4]oxazin-3-one;
7-Fluoro-6-{2-[4-(7-fluoro-2-methylquinolin-5-yl)piperazin-1-yl]ethyl}-4*H*-benzo[1,4]oxazin-3-one;
6-{2-[4-(7-fluoro-2-methylquinolin-5-yl)piperazin-1-yl]ethyl}-4*H*-benzo[1,4]oxazin-3-one;
7-Fluoro-6-{2-[4-(2-methylquinolin-5-yl)piperazin-1-yl]ethanoyl}-4*H*-benzo[1,4]oxazin-3-one;
6-{1-Hydroxy-2-[4-(2-methylquinolin-5-yl)piperazin-1-yl]ethyl}-4*H*-benzo[1,4]-oxazin-3-one;
6-{1-Methoxy-3-[4-(2-methylquinolin-5-yl)piperazin-1-yl]propyl}-4*H*-benzo[1,4]-oxazin-3-one;
6-{2-[4-(2-Methyl-1*H*-indol-4-yl)piperazin-1-yl]-ethyl}-4*H*-benzo-[1,4]oxazin-3-one;
~~6-{2-[4-(5,6,7,8-Tetrahydronaphthalen-1-yl)piperazin-1-yl]ethyl}-4*H*-benzo-[1,4]oxazin-3-one~~
~~6-[2-(4-Naphthalen-1-yl)piperazin-1-yl]ethyl}-4*H*-benzo[1,4]oxazin-3-one hydrochloride salt~~
6-{1-Fluoro-2-[4-(2-methylquinolin-5-yl)piperazin-1-yl]ethyl}-4*H*-benzo[1,4]-oxazin-3-one;
6-{1-Fluoro-3-[4-(2-methylquinolin-5-yl)piperazin-1-yl]propyl}-4*H*-benzo[1,4]-oxazin-3-one;
5-Fluoro-6-{2-[4-(2-methylquinolin-5-yl)piperazin-1-yl]ethyl}-4*H*-benzo[1,4]-oxazin-3-one;
5-Fluoro-4-methyl-6-{2-[4-(2-methylquinolin-5-yl)piperazin-1-yl]ethyl}-4*H*-benzo[1,4]-oxazin-3-one;
6-{2-[4-(7-Chloro-2-methylquinolin-5-yl)piperazin-1-yl]ethyl}-4-methyl-4*H*-benzo-[1,4]-oxazin-3-one;

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4-Ethyl-6-{2-[4-(2-methylquinolin-5-yl)piperazin-1-yl]ethyl}-4*H*-benzo[1,4]-oxazin-3-one;
6-{2-[4-(7-Fluoro-2-methylquinolin-5-yl)piperazin-1-yl]ethyl}-4-methyl-4*H*-benzo-[1,4]-oxazin-3-one;
6-{1-(Methyloxy)-2-[4-(2-methyl-5-quinoliny)-1-piperazinyl]ethyl}-2*H*-1,4-benzoxazin-3(4*H*)-one;
6-{1-Amino-2-[4-(2-methyl-5-quinoliny)-1-piperazinyl]ethyl}-2*H*-1,4-benzoxazin-3(4*H*)-one;
N-[2-[4-(2-Methyl-5-quinoliny)-1-piperazinyl]-1-(3-oxo-3,4-dihydro-2*H*-1,4-benzoxazin-6-yl)ethyl]acetamide;
6-{1-(Methylamino)-2-[4-(2-methyl-5-quinoliny)-1-piperazinyl]ethyl}-2*H*-1,4-benzoxazin-3(4*H*)-one;
6-[2-[4-(2-Methyl-5-quinoliny)-1-piperazinyl]-1-(phenyloxy)ethyl]-2*H*-1,4-benzoxazin-3(4*H*)-one;
[2-[4-(2-Methyl-5-quinoliny)-1-piperazinyl]-1-(3-oxo-3,4-dihydro-2*H*-1,4-benzoxazin-6-yl)ethyl]formamide;
6-{1-Hydroxy-1-methyl-3-[4-(2-methyl-5-quinoliny)-1-piperazinyl]propyl}-2*H*-1,4-benzoxazin-3(4*H*)-one;
6-{1-Hydroxy-1-methyl-2-[4-(2-methyl-5-quinoliny)-1-piperazinyl]ethyl}-2*H*-1,4-benzoxazin-3(4*H*)-one;
6-{(1*E*)-1-Methyl-3-[4-(2-methyl-5-quinoliny)-1-piperazinyl]-1-propen-1-yl}-2*H*-1,4-benzoxazin-3(4*H*)-one;
6-(1-{2-[4-(2-Methyl-5-quinoliny)-1-piperazinyl]ethyl}ethenyl)-2*H*-1,4-benzoxazin-3(4*H*)-one;
6-(1-{[4-(2-Methyl-5-quinoliny)-1-piperazinyl]methyl}ethenyl)-2*H*-1,4-benzoxazin-3(4*H*)-one;
2-[4-(2-Methyl-5-quinoliny)-1-piperazinyl]-1-(3-oxo-3,4-dihydro-2*H*-1,4-benzoxazin-6-yl)ethyl acetate;
6-{1-Hydroxy-2-[4-(2-methyl-5-quinoliny)-1-piperazinyl]ethyl}-2*H*-1,4-benzoxazin-3(4*H*)-one;
6-{[4-(8-Quinoliny)-1-piperazinyl]methyl}-2*H*-1,4-benzoxazin-3(4*H*)-one;
6-{2-[(1*S*,4*S*)-5-(2-Methyl-5-quinoliny)-2,5-diazabicyclo[2.2.1]hept-2-yl]ethyl}-2*H*-1,4-benzoxazin-3(4*H*)-one;

- 6-{2-[4-(2-Quinoliny)-1-piperazinyl]ethyl}-2*H*-1,4-benzoxazin-3(4*H*)-one;
6-{3-[4-(2-Quinoliny)-1-piperazinyl]propyl}-2*H*-1,4-benzoxazin-3(4*H*)-one;
6-{2-[4-(6-Chloro-2-quinoliny)-1-piperazinyl]ethyl}-2*H*-1,4-benzoxazin-3(4*H*)-one;
6-{2-[4-(6-Nitro-2-quinoliny)-1-piperazinyl]ethyl}-2*H*-1,4-benzoxazin-3(4*H*)-one;
6-{2-[4-(7-Methyl-1,8-naphthyridin-4-yl)-1-piperazinyl]ethyl}-2*H*-1,4-benzoxazin-3(4*H*)-one;
6-{2-[4-(1,6-Naphthyridin-5-yl)-1-piperazinyl]ethyl}-2*H*-1,4-benzoxazin-3(4*H*)-one;
6-{2-[4-(2-Phenylquinolin-5-yl)piperazin-1-yl]ethyl}-4*H*-benzo[1,4]oxazin-3-one;
6-{[4-(7-Fluoro-2-methyl-5-quinoliny)-1-piperazinyl]acetyl}-2*H*-1,4-benzoxazin-3(4*H*)-one;
6-{2-[4-(7-Fluoro-2-methyl-5-quinoliny)-1-piperazinyl]-1-hydroxyethyl}-2*H*-1,4-benzoxazin-3(4*H*)-one;
6-{1-Fluoro-2-[4-(7-fluoro-2-methyl-5-quinoliny)-1-piperazinyl]ethyl}-2*H*-1,4-benzoxazin-3(4*H*)-one;
8-Fluoro-6-{2-[4-(2-methyl-5-quinoliny)-1-piperazinyl]ethyl}-2*H*-1,4-benzoxazin-3(4*H*)-one;
8-Fluoro-6-{[4-(2-methyl-5-quinoliny)-1-piperazinyl]acetyl}-2*H*-1,4-benzoxazin-3(4*H*)-one;
8-Fluoro-6-{1-hydroxy-2-[4-(2-methyl-5-quinoliny)-1-piperazinyl]ethyl}-2*H*-1,4-benzoxazin-3(4*H*)-one;
8-Fluoro-6-{1-fluoro-2-[4-(2-methyl-5-quinoliny)-1-piperazinyl]ethyl}-2*H*-1,4-benzoxazin-3(4*H*)-one;
8-Fluoro-6-{2-[4-(7-fluoro-2-methyl-5-quinoliny)-1-piperazinyl]ethyl}-2*H*-1,4-benzoxazin-3(4*H*)-one;
8-Fluoro-6-{[4-(7-fluoro-2-methyl-5-quinoliny)-1-piperazinyl]acetyl}-2*H*-1,4-benzoxazin-3(4*H*)-one;
8-Fluoro-6-{2-[4-(7-fluoro-2-methyl-5-quinoliny)-1-piperazinyl]-1-hydroxyethyl}-2*H*-1,4-benzoxazin-3(4*H*)-one;
6-{[4-(8-Chloro-2-methyl-5-quinoliny)-1-piperazinyl]acetyl}-2*H*-1,4-benzoxazin-3(4*H*)-one;
6-{2-[4-(8-Chloro-2-methyl-5-quinoliny)-1-piperazinyl]-1-hydroxyethyl}-2*H*-1,4-benzoxazin-3(4*H*)-one;
6-{2-[4-(8-Chloro-2-methyl-5-quinoliny)-1-piperazinyl]ethyl}-2*H*-1,4-benzoxazin-3(4*H*)-one;
4-Methyl-8-{2-[4-(2-methyl-5-quinoliny)-1-piperazinyl]ethyl}-2*H*-1,4-benzoxazin-3(4*H*)-one;

- 8-{2-[4-(2-Methyl-5-quinoliny)-1-piperazinyl]ethyl}-2H-1,4-benzoxazin-3(4H)-one;
6-{2-[4-(7-Chloro-2-methyl-5-quinoliny)-1-piperazinyl]ethyl}-7-fluoro-2H-1,4-benzoxazin-3(4H)-one;
6-{2-[(2S)-2-Methyl-4-(2-methyl-5-quinoliny)-1-piperazinyl]ethyl}-2H-1,4-benzoxazin-3(4H)-one;
6-{2-[(2R)-2-Methyl-4-(2-methyl-5-quinoliny)-1-piperazinyl]ethyl}-2H-1,4-benzoxazin-3(4H)-one;
6-{2-[4-(2,3-dihydro-1,4-benzodioxin-6-yl)-1-piperazinyl]ethyl}-2H-1,4-benzoxazin-3(4H)-one;
~~6-{2-[4-(3,4-dihydro-2H-1,5-benzodioxepin-7-yl)-1-piperazinyl]ethyl}-2H-1,4-benzoxazin-3(4H)-one~~
6-{2-[4-(7-bromo-1H-indol-4-yl)-1-piperazinyl]ethyl}-2H-1,4-benzoxazin-3(4H)-one;
6-{3-[4-(7-bromo-1H-indol-4-yl)-1-piperazinyl]propyl}-2H-1,4-benzoxazin-3(4H)-one;
6-{2-[4-(1-isoquinoliny)-1-piperazinyl]ethyl}-2H-1,4-benzoxazin-3(4H)-one;
ethyl 5-{4-[2-(3-oxo-3,4-dihydro-2H-1,4-benzoxazin-6-yl)ethyl]-1-piperazinyl}-1-benzofuran-2-carboxylate;
~~6-{2-[4-(1,2-dihydro-5-acenaphthylenyl)-1-piperazinyl]ethyl}-2H-1,4-benzoxazin-3(4H)-one~~
6-{2-[4-(5-fluoro-1H-indol-3-yl)-1-piperidinyl]ethyl}-2H-1,4-benzoxazin-3(4H)-one;
6-{2-[4-(5-chloro-1H-indol-4-yl)-1-piperazinyl]ethyl}-2H-1,4-benzoxazin-3(4H)-one;
6-{2-[4-(6-chloro-1H-indol-4-yl)-1-piperazinyl]ethyl}-2H-1,4-benzoxazin-3(4H)-one;
6-{2-[4-(1H-pyrrolo[2,3-b]pyridin-4-yl)-1-piperazinyl]ethyl}-2H-1,4-benzoxazin-3(4H)-one;
6-{2-[4-(7-chloro-1H-indol-4-yl)-1-piperazinyl]ethyl}-2H-1,4-benzoxazin-3(4H)-one;
6-{3-[4-(1H-pyrrolo[2,3-b]pyridin-4-yl)-1-piperazinyl]propyl}-2H-1,4-benzoxazin-3(4H)-one;
6-{3-[4-(5-chloro-1H-indol-4-yl)-1-piperazinyl]propyl}-2H-1,4-benzoxazin-3(4H)-one;
6-{2-[4-(5-methylthieno[2,3-d]pyrimidin-4-yl)-1-piperazinyl]ethyl}-2H-1,4-benzoxazin-3(4H)-one;
6-({2-[4-(2-methyl-5-quinazoliny)-1-piperazinyl]ethyl}oxy)-2H-1,4-benzoxazin-3(4H)-one;
6-{2-[4-(7-Chloro-2-methylquinolin-5-yl)piperazin-1-yl]ethanoyl}-4H-benzo[1,4]oxazin-3-one;
6-{2-[4-(7-Chloro-2-methyl-5-quinoliny)-1-piperazinyl]-1-hydroxyethyl}-2H-1,4-benzoxazin-3(4H)-one;

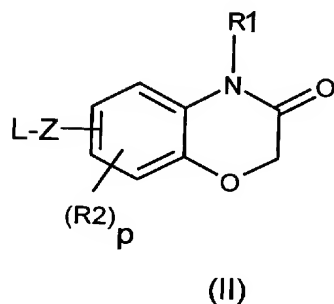
- 6-{2-[4-(7-Chloro-2-methyl-5-quinoliny)-1-piperazinyl]-1-fluoroethyl}-2H-1,4-benzoxazin-3(4H)-one;
- 6-{3-[4-(2,2-Dimethyl-2,3-dihydro-1-benzofuran-7-yl)-1-piperazinyl]propyl}-2H-1,4-benzoxazin-3(4H)-one;
- 6-{2-[4-(2,2-dimethyl-2,3-dihydro-1-benzofuran-7-yl)-1-piperazinyl]ethyl}-2H-1,4-benzoxazin-3(4H)-one;
- 4-Methyl-6-{[4-(1*H*-pyrrolo[2,3-*b*]pyridin-3-yl)-3,6-dihydro-1(2*H*)-pyridinyl]acetyl}-2*H*-1,4-benzoxazin-3(4*H*)-one;
- 6-{1-hydroxy-2-[4-(1*H*-pyrrolo[2,3-*b*]pyridin-3-yl)-3,6-dihydro-1(2*H*)-pyridinyl]ethyl}-4-methyl-2*H*-1,4-benzoxazin-3(4*H*)-one;
- 6-{[4-(2-Methyl-5-quinoliny)-1-piperazinyl]methyl}-2*H*-1,4-benzoxazin-3(4*H*)-one;
- 4-methyl-6-{[4-(2-methyl-5-quinoliny)-1-piperazinyl]acetyl}-3,4-dihydro-2*H*-1,4-benzoxazin-2-one;
- 4-Methyl-6-(1-{[4-(2-methyl-5-quinoliny)-1-piperazinyl]methyl}ethenyl)-3,4-dihydro-2*H*-1,4-benzoxazin-2-one;
- 6-(2-Hydroxy-1-{[4-(2-methyl-5-quinoliny)-1-piperazinyl]methyl}ethyl)-4-methyl-3,4-dihydro-2*H*-1,4-benzoxazin-2-one;
- 6-{[4-(6-fluoro-2-methyl-5-quinoliny)-1-piperazinyl]acetyl}-2*H*-1,4-benzoxazin-3(4*H*)-one;
- 6-{2-[4-(6-Fluoro-2-methyl-5-quinoliny)-1-piperazinyl]-1-hydroxyethyl}-2*H*-1,4-benzoxazin-3(4*H*)-one;
- 6-{1-Hydroxy-2-[4-(2-methyl-5-quinoliny)-1-piperazinyl]ethyl}-4-methyl-2*H*-1,4-benzoxazin-3(4*H*)-one;
- 6-{[4-(8-Fluoro-2-methyl-5-quinoliny)-1-piperazinyl]acetyl}-4-methyl-2*H*-1,4-benzoxazin-3(4*H*)-one;
- 6-{2-[4-(8-Fluoro-2-methyl-5-quinoliny)-1-piperazinyl]-1-hydroxyethyl}-4-methyl-2*H*-1,4-benzoxazin-3(4*H*)-one;
- 6-{[4-(6-Fluoro-2-methyl-5-quinoliny)-1-piperazinyl]acetyl}-4-methyl-2*H*-1,4-benzoxazin-3(4*H*)-one;

6-{2-[4-(6-Fluoro-2-methyl-5-quinoliny)-1-piperazinyl]-1-hydroxyethyl}-4-methyl-2*H*-1,4-benzoxazin-3(4*H*)-one;
4-Methyl-6-{2-[4-(2-methyl-5-quinoliny)hexahydro-1*H*-1,4-diazepin-1-yl]ethyl}-2*H*-1,4-benzoxazin-3(4*H*)-one;
4-Methyl-6-{2-[3-methyl-4-(2-methyl-5-quinoliny)-1-piperazinyl]ethyl}-2*H*-1,4-benzoxazin-3(4*H*)-one;
6-{2-[4-(8-Chloro-2-methylquinolin-5-yl)-piperazine-1-yl]-ethyl}-4-methyl-4*H*-benzo[1,4]oxazine-3-one;
6-{2-[4-(8-Fluoro-2-methyl[[-]]quinolin-5-yl)-piperazine-1-yl]-ethyl}-4-methyl-4*H*-benzo[1,4]oxazine-3-one;
6-{2-[4-(2-Methyl-1*H*-indol-4-yl)piperazin-1-yl]ethanoyl}-4*H*-benzo[1,4]oxazin-3-one;
6-{1-Hydroxy-2-[4-(2-methyl-1*H*-indol-4-yl)piperazinyl]ethyl}-2*H*-benzo[1,4]oxazin-3-one;
6-{1-Fluoro-2-[4-(2-methyl-1*H*-indol-4-yl)piperazinyl]ethyl}-2*H*-benzo[1,4]oxazin-3-one;
6-{2-[4-(7-Fluoro-2-methyl-5-quinoliny)-1-piperazinyl]-1-hydroxyethyl}-2-*H*-1,4-benzoxazin-3-(4*H*)-one;
6-{2-[4-(2-Methyl-5-quinoliny)-1-piperadiny]-ethanoyl}-2*H*-1,4-benzoxazin-3(4*H*)-one;
6-{1-Hydroxy-2-[4-(2-methyl-5-quinoliny)-1-piperadiny]-ethyl}-2*H*-1,4-benzoxazin-3(4*H*)-one;
6-{2-[4-(7-Fluoro-2-methylquinolin-5-yl)piperidin-1-yl]ethyl}-4-*H*-benzo[1,4]-oxazin-3-one;
6-{2-[4-(6-Fluoro-2-methyl-5-quinoliny)-1-piperazinyl]-1-hydroxyethyl}-2*H*-1,4-benzoxazin-3(4*H*)-one;
6{2-[4(8-Fluoro-2-methyl-5-quinoliny)-1-piperazinyl]ethyl}-2*H*-1,4-benzoxazin-3-(4*H*)-one;
6-{2-[4-2-Quinoxaliny)-1-piperazinyl]ethyl}-2*H*-1,4-benzoxazin-3-(4*H*)-one;
4-Methyl-8-{2-[(2*R*)-2-methyl-4-(2-methyl-5-quinoliny)-1-piperazinyl]ethyl}-2*H*-1,4-benzoxazin-3(4*H*)-one;
4-Methyl-8-{2-[(2*S*)-2-methyl-4-(2-methyl-5-quinoliny)-1-piperazinyl]ethyl}-2*H*-1,4-benzoxazin-3(4*H*)-one;
6-{2-[4-(7-Chloro-2,3-dihydro-1,4-benzodioxin-5-yl)-1-piperazinyl]ethyl}-2*H*-1,4-benzoxazin-3(4*H*)-one;

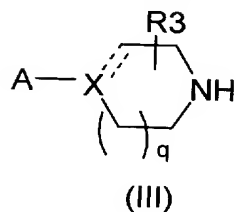
6-{2-[4-(7-Fluoro-2,3-dihydro-1,4-benzodioxin-5-yl)-1-piperazinyl]ethyl}-2*H*-1,4-benzoxazin-3(4*H*)-one;
6-{2-[4-(7-Bromo-2,3-dihydro-1,4-benzodioxin-5-yl)-1-piperazinyl]ethyl}-2*H*-1,4-benzoxazin-3(4*H*)-one;
8-{4-[2-(3-Oxo-3,4-dihydro-2*H*-1,4-benzoxazin-6-yl)ethyl]-1-piperazinyl}-2,3-dihydro-1,4-benzodioxin-6-carbonitrile;
and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof.

13. (Currently Amended) A process for the preparation of a compound of formula (I_a) as defined in claim [[1]] 3 or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, which process comprises:

(a) reacting a compound of formula (II):

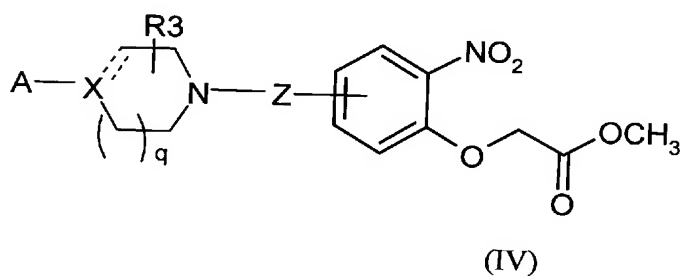


wherein R1, R2, p and Z are as defined in formula (I), and L is a leaving group, with a compound of formula (III):



wherein A, R3, -----, X and q are as defined in formula (I_a); or

- (b) the reduction and ~~concomitant~~ concomitant cyclisation of a compound of formula (IV):



in which A, X, R₃, ~~-----~~, q and Z are as defined in formula (Ia);

and optionally thereafter for each of process (a) or (b):

- removing any protecting groups, and/or
- converting a compound of formula (I) into another compound of formula (I), and/or
- forming a pharmaceutically acceptable salt.

14. (Canceled).

15. (Currently Amended) A pharmaceutical composition, which comprises [[a]] the compound of ~~formula (I) or formula (Ia)~~ as defined in claim [[1]] 3 or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier or excipient.

16. (Currently Amended) A process for preparing [[a]] the pharmaceutical composition as defined in claim 15, the process comprising mixing [[a]] the compound of ~~formula (I) or formula (Ia)~~ as defined in claim [[1]] 3 or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier or excipient.

Claims 17-20 (Canceled).

21. (Currently Amended) A method of treatment of a serotonin-related disorder, comprising administering to a mammal in need thereof an ~~safe and~~ effective amount of ~~[[a]]~~ the compound or salt as defined in claim ~~[[17]]~~ 3.

22. (Original) The method as claimed in claim 21, wherein the disorder is depression or anxiety.